LISTING OF THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A flavored dosage form comprising a lozenge, wherein the lozenge comprises a sustained release ~~wet~~ matrix of ~~a plurality of ethylcellulose particles and~~:

(a) approximately 25 wt.% to 49.5 wt.% micronized ethylcellulose having a solution viscosity in the range of approximately 1 cP to 120 cP; and

(b) approximately 25 wt.% to 49.5 wt.% of a flavoring agent selected from essential oils, constituents of essential oils, and mixtures thereof,

wherein~~, in an aqueous environment, the matrix gradually releases~~ the micronized ethylcellulose and the flavoring agent are admixed and present in the dosage form at a weight ratio of approximately 1:1.5 to 1.5:1, such that the dosage form has a soft, pliable consistency and gradually erodes in the mouth while simultaneously gradually releasing the flavoring agent over ~~a~~ an extended time period of at least 15 minutes.

2. (Currently amended) The dosage form of claim 1, wherein the ~~weight ratio of the hydrophilic polymer to the flavoring agent is selected to provide sustained release of the flavoring agent over a~~ extended time period is in the range of about 15 minutes to about 60 minutes.

3. (Currently amended) The dosage form of claim 2, wherein the ~~weight ratio of the hydrophilic polymer to the flavoring agent is selected to provide sustained release of the flavoring agent over a~~ extended time period ~~of~~ is at least 60 minutes.

4. (Currently amended) The dosage form of claim 3, wherein the ~~weight ratio of the hydrophilic polymer to the flavoring agent is selected to provide sustained release of the flavoring agent over a~~ extended time period ~~of~~ is at least 2 hours.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Currently amended) The dosage form of ~~claim 5~~ claim 1, wherein the micronized ethylcellulose has a solution viscosity is in the range of approximately 3 to 100 cP.

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7. (Original) The dosage form of claim 6, wherein the solution viscosity is in the range of approximately 6 to 49 cP.

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8. (Original) The dosage form of claim 1, wherein the flavoring agent is an essential oil.

9. (Withdrawn) The dosage form of claim 8, wherein the essential oil imparts a food flavor.

10. (Withdrawn) The dosage form of claim 9, wherein the essential oil is citrus oil.

11. (Withdrawn) The dosage form of claim 10, wherein the citrus oil is selected from lemon oil, lime oil, neroli oil, orange oil, and combinations thereof.

12. (Currently amended) The dosage form of ~~claim 1~~ claim 8, wherein the essential oil is a mint oil.

13. (Original) The dosage form of claim 12, wherein the mint oil is peppermint oil, spearmint oil, or a combination thereof.

14. (Withdrawn) The dosage form of claim 9, wherein the essential oil is selected from anise oil, cardamom oil, cinnamon oil, clove oil, coriander oil, eriodictyon fluidextract, eucalyptus oil, fennel oil, glycyrrhiza extract, lemongrass oil, nutmeg oil, and combinations thereof.

15. (Withdrawn) The dosage form of claim 1, wherein the flavoring agent is a constituent of an essential oil.

16. (Withdrawn) The dosage form of claim 15, wherein the flavoring agent is selected from terpenes, sesquiterpenes, and combinations thereof.

17. (Withdrawn) The dosage form of claim 16, wherein the flavoring agent is a terpene.

18. (Withdrawn) The dosage form of claim 17, wherein the terpene is selected from d,l-camphene, d-camphene, l-camphene, Δ^3-carene, trans-β-ocimene, cis-β-ocimene, trans-α-ocimene, cis-α-ocimene, β-pinene, β-phellandrene, α-terpinene, β-terpinene, γ-terpinene, and combinations thereof.

19. (Withdrawn) The dosage form of claim 16, wherein the flavoring agent is a sesquiterpene.

20. (Withdrawn) The dosage form of claim 19, wherein the sesquiterpene is selected from α-cadinene, β-cadinene, α-caryophyllene, copaene, β-farnesene, isocaryophyllene, ylangene, and combinations thereof.

21. (Withdrawn) The dosage form of claim 15, wherein the flavoring agent is an organic acid, an alcohol, an aldehyde, a ketone, an ester, a phenyl ether, or a mixture thereof.

22. (Withdrawn) The dosage form of claim 21, wherein the flavoring agent is selected from p-anisic acid, cinnamic acid, phenylacetic acid, d,l-borneol, d-borneol, l-borneol, carvacrol, chavicol, cinnamyl alcohol, linalool, menthol, nerolidol, nerol, d,l-α-terpineol, d-α-terpineol, l-α-terpineol, thymol, acetaldehyde, anisaldehyde, cinnamaldehyde, benzaldehyde, citral, isovaleric aldehyde, piperonal, salicylaldehyde, valeric aldehyde, vanillin, carvone, jasmone, menthone, piperitone, amyl acetate, bornyl acetate, benzyl benzoate, butyl cinnamate, cinnamyl anthranilate, geranyl acetate, linalyl acetate, menthyl acetate, menthyl isovalerate, methyl salicylate anethole, eugenol, safrol, estragole, and combinations thereof.

23-25. (Canceled)

26. (Currently amended) The dosage form of claim 1, further including an effective sweetening amount of a sweetener ~~selected from a sugar, a non-sugar sweetening agent, or a mixture thereof~~.

27-28. (Canceled)

29. (Currently amended) The dosage form of ~~claim 28~~ claim 26, wherein the ~~non-sugar sweetening agent is~~ sweetener comprises a sweetening agent selected from aspartame, saccharin, sodium saccharin, calcium saccharin, sucralose, acesulfame-K, sorbitol, xylitol, steviosin, steviol, mannitol, erythritol, lactitol, and mixtures thereof.

30-45. (Canceled)

46. (Original) The dosage form of claim 1, further comprising a colorant.

47. (Currently amended) The dosage form of ~~claim 30~~ claim 1, further including at least one additive selected from release rate accelerants, release rate retardants, adhesion-increasing agents, adhesion-reducing agents, flavor stabilizers, flavor diluents, pH-adjusting agents, preservatives, lubricants, and fillers.

48-75. (Canceled)

76. (Withdrawn; currently amended) A method for achieving sustained release of a flavoring agent in the mouth over ~~a~~ an extended time period of at least 15 minutes, comprising administering the dosage form of claim 1 to the mouth of an individual and allowing the dosage form to remain in the individual's mouth for at least 15 minutes.

77-100. (Canceled)

101. (New) The dosage form of claim 29, wherein the sweetener comprises xylitol.

102. (New) The dosage form of claim 1, wherein the micronized ethylcellulose has an ethoxyl content in the range of about 45.0% to 52.0%.

103. (New) The dosage form of claim 1, wherein the micronized ethylcellulose has a particle size of less than 75 microns.

104. (New) The dosage form of claim 103, wherein the micronized ethylcellulose has a mean particle size of about 20 microns.

105. (New) The dosage form of claim 1, wherein the micronized ethylcellulose has a solution viscosity in the range of approximately 90 to 110 cP.

106. (New) The dosage form of claim 103, wherein the micronized ethylcellulose has a solution viscosity in the range of approximately 90 to 110 cP.

107. (New) The dosage form of claim 104, wherein the micronized ethylcellulose has a solution viscosity in the range of approximately 90 to 110 cP.

108. (New) The dosage form of claim 47, wherein the at least one additive represents in the range of about 1 wt.% to about 45 wt.% of the lozenge.

109. (New) A dosage form for sustained release of a flavoring agent in the mouth, comprising a lozenge prepared by the process comprising:

admixing micronized ethylcellulose with a flavoring agent selected from essential oils, constituents of essential oils, and mixtures thereof, at a weight ratio of approximately 1:1.5 to

1.5:1, to provide a pliable matrix in which the micronized ethylcellulose and the flavoring agent each represent approximately 25 wt.% to 49.5 wt.% of the matrix;

cutting the matrix to provide an individual dosage form; and

compressing the individual dosage form to provide the lozenge.